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VIA EMAIL (shpda.online@shpda.alabama.gov)

Alva M. Lambert Executive Director State Health Planning & Development Agency 100 North Union Street, Suite 870 Montgomery, AL 36130

Re:

Urology Centers of Alabama, P.C.

Request for Non-Reviewability Determination

(RV 2017-020 "Request") Additional Information:

Varian Medical System - Halcyon Linear Accelerator

Dear Mr. Lambert:

On behalf of Urology Centers of Alabama, P.C. ("UCA"), this letter is to provide additional information in support of the UCA RV 2017-020 Request for a determination that the proposed installation of a replacement Varian Medical System in the private office of UCA in Homewood, Alabama, is **not** subject to Certificate of Need ("CON") review under Alabama Code § 22-21-260 et. seq. and the CON Rules, and does **not require** a CON in that it does not involve a new institutional heath service or any healthcare facility expenditures in excess of the statutory thresholds requiring CON Review.

Pursuant to our discussions on June 1, 2017, we hereby provide the following additional information to support the UCA RV2017-020 Request and to assure SHPDA that there will be **no overlapping use** by UCA of its existing Varian Medical System and the proposed replacement Varian Medical System.

- Since filing the RV2017-020 Request on May 1, 2017, UCA has identified the latest state of the art Varian Medical System that will **not** require any overlapping use of the existing UCA Varian Medical System with the proposed replacement Varian Medical System as described in the UCA RV 2017-020 Request.
- 2. The newly identified Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator has all of the same comparable capabilities and features as well as the latest state of the art quality, for approximately the same cost, as outlined for the proposed replacement Varian Vital Beam Linear Accelerator described in the UCA RV2017-020 Request. UCA only recently discovered the availability of the Varian Medical System- Halcyon Linear Accelerator.



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- 3. Per our discussions on June 1, 2017, this letter hereby substitutes the proposed replacement Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator for the originally proposed replacement Varian Medical System Vital Beam Linear Accelerator described in RV 2017-020 and hereby provides SHPDA with the requested assurances that there will be no overlap in the usage of UCA's Existing Varian Medical System with the substituted proposed replacement Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator.
- 4. The substituted proposed replacement Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator will actually be installed in the exact space in the UCA physician office from which the UCA Existing Varian Medical System will be removed. Installation of the Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator will be quicker, more efficient, more effective, and requires no conditioning since the Halcyon Linear Accelerator is preconditioned. Therefore, no lengthy installation and conditioning of the replacement Halcyon Linear will occur and, hence, no overlap of services between the Existing Varian Medical System and the substituted proposed replacement Varian Medical System Halcyon Linear Accelerator will be necessary.
- 5. All other information contained in the UCA RV2017-020 Request remains the same. We respectfully request that this additional information be included in the file of RV2017-020 Request for your consideration in making the requested determination.

The Proposal in the UCA RV2017-020 Request, with this substitution of the proposed **replacement Varian Medical System** – **Halcyon Linear Accelerator** requiring no lengthy installation, conditioning, or overlapping usage with the UCA Existing Varian Medical System which will be removed from the UCA physician office and taken out of service prior to the installation of the Halcyon Linear Accelerator, is due to be determined as non-reviewable in accordance with the Alabama CON Law, Rules, and Regulations in that it does **not** involve any new institutional health services or any healthcare expenditure in excess of the statutory thresholds requiring CON Review or any other reviewable event under the CON Laws, Rules, and Regulations.

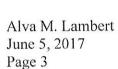
In accordance with CON Rule 410-1-3-.09, a pdf text searchable copy of this Letter of Additional Information and Support of the UCA RV2017-020 Request is being submitted electronically to be included in the RV2017-020 Request SHPBA file, on the 5th day of June, 2017, to shpda.alabama.gov; with a paper original being preserved in our files.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of RV2017-020 Request.

Kindest regards,

Lenora W. Pate FOR THE FIRM

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Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The Undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby makes oath or affirms that he, **DAVID W. SORRELLS**, the Practice Administrator and Assistant Secretary of the Urology Centers of Alabama, P.C. has knowledge of the facts in this Letter of Additional Information and Support of the UCA RV2017-020 Request and to the best of his information, knowledge and belief such facts are true and correct.

David W. Sorrells

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the Lay of June, 2017.

My Commission Expires: